

Louis Arp was born September 2, 1865 in Denmark, being one of 13 children born to Wm. and Sophie Arp.

At the age of six he was required to walk three miles each day to milk the family cows before going to school. When he reached 13, he came to the United States alone, being sponsored by his uncle in Omaha who owned a clothing store there. Coming by steerage, he had to furnish his own bed which was stolen the first night out. After working several years for his uncle, Mr. Arp got a job with the Burlington Railroad where he worked for some time as bridge foreman. While in Omaha he became acquainted with Louis Hansen and Chris Scribeer who had a brother, Pete, living in Edmonds (Pete was married to Lavinna Roscoe) and hearing such glowing reports of the great northwest, the three young men headed for Edmonds, arriving in March, 1888.

Mr. Arp took up a homestead three miles east of Edmonds which is now known as James Village. The land was so heavily timbered that the only way you could see the sky was to look straight up. He cut shingle bolts and hauled them over a puncheon road to shingle mills in Edmonds. After proving up on his homestead, he moved to Edmonds where he roomed and boarded with the H. W. DePue family. He kept his horses in Mr. DePue's barn which was located at what is now Sixth and Maple Streets.

On April 10, 1897, Mr. Arp married the DePue's daughter, Maude. It was so windy that day the boat could not land, they rode the caboose of a freight train to Seattle for their honeymoon. They moved to his homestead where they lived until August, 1900. On July 18, 1898 a daughter, Alpha, was born. On August 25, 1900 their second daughter, Neva, was born. They also sold the homestead that month for \$5,000. and purchased the house built by a Mr. Sprinkle on 6¹/₂ Street where they lived until they sold to Mr. John P. Millet and the property is now known as the Millet house. They moved to Eighth and Main Streets where they lived

until January, 1930.

After leaving the homestead, Mr. Arp bought a partnership in a shingle mill where he worked until the mill was sold and he became engaged in road building. With Mr. J. T. McElroy, they built the extension of Third Street to Woodway Park. He was later employed by the Puget Mill Company to build roads in their new project, Alderwood Manor. He then became road supervisor for the south county district, later being elected to County Commissioner for two terms which was the maximum time a Commissioner could hold office.

Among his road building projects was the highway from Alderwood Manor to Edmonds ^{ing} passed his old homestead. He blazed the first Government trail, layed the puncheon road, graded and graveled, and in 1934 had the road paved. In the dedication ceremony, the highway was officially dedicated as Arp Way. It ~~is~~ referred to now as 196th Street.

Mr. Arp served as City Councilman, Mayor, School Director, Director of the State Bank of Edmonds, Director of the Independent Telephone Co., six year term as Snohomish County Commissioner and on the night of his death was elected for the 25th consecutive year as Treasurer of Edmonds Masonic Lodge. He belonged to the Edmonds Odd Fellows Lodge, Masonic, Scottish Rite, and Shrine where he served on the Shrine Park Board.

Mrs. Arp was born June 19, 1877 in Hart, Michigan to H. Walter DePue and Nellie Black DePue. The DePue family migrated to the west, arriving at Alki Point, Seattle on February 10, 1890, then on to Edmonds in October the same year. She attended the Edmonds Schools.

Mrs. Arp was active in the Coterie Club, Congregational Church, served as Noble Grand in the Edmonds Rebekah Lodge and Matron of the Eastern Stars. She received her 50 year membership pin in the Rebekahs in 1953. Mrs. Arp and the two daughters all have received 50 year memberships in Analia Chapter of the Eastern Stars.

Mr. Arp passed away on November 10, 1939.

Mrs. Arp joined him on what would have been their 64th wedding anniversary, April 10, 1961.

Alpha Arp Slagle died June 27, 1973

Neva Arp-Larson resides with her husband, Victor, at 1102 Hoyt Ave.,